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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi KISHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2674

Application No.: 09/698,441

Examiner: A. Abdulsalam

Filed: October 30, 2000

Docket No.: 107427

For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INPUT SCREENS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the July 29, 2002, Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Applicants thank Examiners Wu and Abdulsalam for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Gang Luo, during an October 16, 2002, personal interview. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the remarks below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Morioka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,076) in view of Burrell (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,502). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

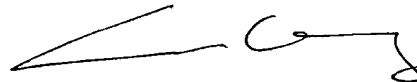
The Office Action asserts that Morioka discloses or suggests all elements recited in claims 1-20 except the installation in a vehicle, but asserts that Burrell discloses a portable device installed inside a vehicle.

As agreed at the interview, Morioka and Burrell, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-20. Thus, the above rejection was indicated to be withdrawn during the interview. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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